

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	488	107	35	0	640
NAVY	282	92	28	3	8	413
MARINE CORPS	24	203	22	14	0	263
AIR FORCE	233	165	260	17	0	675
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	0	22	12	5	0	39
TOTALS	549	971	429	74	8	2,031 *
<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>						
FURTHER PURSUIT	263	506	381	57	2	1,209
DEFERRED	55	114	28	2	1	200
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	231	351	20	15	5	622
TOTALS	549	971	429	74	8	2,031

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

* INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL: The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 552 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	401	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	142	
CAMBODIA	7	
TOTAL	552	***

NOTES:

* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

** 2 ashes returned from China.

*** 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21,609 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,905
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4,783
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,192
DOGTAGS	9,729
TOTAL	21,609

- a. Of the 1,905 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,858 (97.53%) reports are resolved.
 - 1,300 (68.24%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.36%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 513 (26.93%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 47 (2.47%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 37 (1.94%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 10 (0.53%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	Total
29	8	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	47